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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 11, 12, 14, 16-19, 21, 22 and 24 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Independent claims 1, 9, 12 and 19 have been amended herein and claims 2, 5, 10, 13, 15 and 20 are cancelled. Applicants' representative would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic conference on May 16, 2006. As discussed, features recited in claims 5, 15 and 23 are allowable over the cited art to date. To that end, features previously recited in now cancelled claim 5 have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 9, features of now cancelled claim 15 have been incorporated into independent claim 12, and features of now cancelled claim 23 have been incorporated into independent claim 19. Accordingly, the subject patent application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, 14-19 and 21-24 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, 14-19 and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Drews (US 6,463,535). In view of the incorporation of subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner into independent claims 1, 9, 12 and 19, this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

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The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above amendments and comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP118US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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